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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The success of Filipino athletes on the global stage—from the Olympic podiums to world championships—brings immense pride to the nation. However, these victories are often the result of individual grit and private support rather than a robust, grassroots system.

Currently, many young athletes in rural and underprivileged areas lack access to basic sports facilities, professional coaching, and nutritional support. The "trickle-down" effect of national sports funding rarely reaches the barangay level, where raw talent is most abundant.

This bill, the "Grassroots Sports Development Act," seeks to institutionalize a comprehensive sports program in every municipality and city. By strengthening local sports councils and ensuring dedicated funding, we can transform sports from a seasonal hobby into a viable pathway for youth development, discipline, and national pride.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHING
THE GRASSROOTS ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN EVERY
MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Grassroots Sports Development Act of 2026."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence. The State shall prioritize the identification and blooming of young talent at the local level.

SEC. 3. *The Local Sports Development Council (LSDC).* – Every municipality and city shall strengthen its LSDC, which shall be responsible for:

- Conducting semi-annual "Talent Identification" camps.
- Maintaining local sports facilities (courts, tracks, and pools).
- Formulating a "Long-Term Athlete Development" (LTAD) plan tailored to the region's strengths (e.g., coastal areas focusing on swimming/rowing).

SEC. 4. *Appointment of Local Coaches.* – Each LGU shall employ at least three (3) full-time, Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)-certified coaches specializing in high-impact sports. These coaches shall receive salaries equivalent to Salary Grade 11.

SEC. 5. *Infrastructure and Equipment.* – A portion of the funds shall be used to establish or rehabilitate a Municipal Sports Hub, equipped with:

1. Basic weight-training equipment.
2. Standardized courts for basketball, volleyball, and badminton.
3. A dedicated track or open space for athletics.

SEC. 6. *Appropriation.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Philippine Sports Commission. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Education (DepEd), shall issue the IRR within sixty (60) days of this Act's approval.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,